

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are now present in this application.

Claims 6-9 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner considers claims 1-5 to be allowable. Without conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement, it is noted that claims 6-9 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the present application should now fully be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of any objection to the claims are respectfully requested.

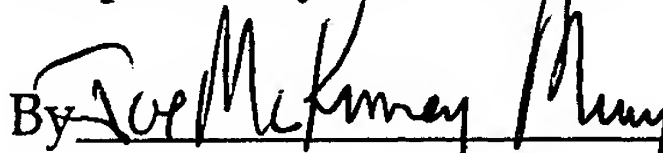
Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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